

Madison County Weed Board

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The regular Board meeting of June 20, 2006 was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairperson Betty Sykes. Present were John Armstrong, Janie Alt, Margie Edsall, Sam Korsmoe, Guy Buyan Absent were Chuck Buus & Bennie Clark

Guy Buyan made a motion to approve the May 16th meeting minutes as presented John Armstrong second. All voted aye, motion carried.

Old Business:

Office & Program: *End of fiscal year bills are being sent out to Butte & Bozeman DOT. 2 Crews have been concentrating on highways, BLM has been working fishing accesses along with BLM areas.*

Personnel Update: *Margie would like to look at hiring one more crew personnel*

Vehicle & Equipment: *Yellow 4wheeler was in shop for top end re-build, Roadside Unit needs some work done on broadjets & has been having fuel pump problems & Ruby Unit has had some minor repairs done.*

VC Weed Program: *200 sheep are the newest residents to Virginia City. They have been moving through at a pretty rapidly pace. Seems to be a lot of people happy with the progress that has been done thus far. There has been a lot of media coverage over this project that the town has implemented...*

Welcome to the Neighborhood: *Margie hosted this event that went over well with approximately 50 people that showed. There were new landowners & Ruby Watershed folks that attended Things discussed were weed I.D., fencing water and grazing. She was very pleased with the overall turnout and hopes to hold more of this type of program in the future.*

Harrison Insectaries: *Mellissa Newman and Margie will be tearing down the Harrison Insectory on Wednesday the 21st. They will be transplanting what plants they can to put into the Ennis insectory, & try to salvage the existing cyphcleonus larvae.*

Other Old Business: *None*

Weed Days: *June 25 – Ruby Weed Day
June 29 – South Boulder
July 8 – Beaverhead
July 10 – Cataract Lake – Pony*

New Business:

Weed Management Plans 6 plans reviewed, 5 were approved and signed with the exception of Downs

- Downs – not approved
- Gallagher – approved & signed
- Soha – approved & signed
- Frey – approved & signed
- Barbetto – approved & signed
- Collins – approved & signed

One open cut mining permit for Victoria Mines was approved w/modifications

2 Right-of-Way plans were also reviewed, approved & signed

- Brush
- Schendel

GYCC – Ruby Weed Mapping Grant: Kevin Suzuki has submitted a grant application for mapping the Ruby Watershed. This money would go towards hiring a person to pull all land maps etc. and digitize info. .

Budget: Good shape

Other New Business:

Special County Grant: The money will be used to possibly purchase another 4wheeler and Jack Rabbit sprayer.

John asked Margie if she had checked on seeing whether or not the BLM unit could run red fuel. Margie said she would check on it.

Guy mentioned that the property owned by Kevin Hakanson on the Road to Dunegan was badly infested.

Adjourn 3:15

Next Meeting will be July 18th @ 1:30 p.m. Hope to see you all there.

Have a Safe and Happy 4th of July...



Thanks ☺

.Minutes prepared by:

Janie Alt.